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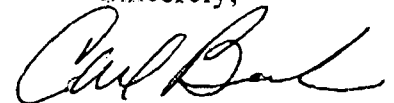
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am of the opinion that the settlement that has recently been reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice is fair and reasonable, and I would like to see it implemented as soon as possible. .

The only reason why I do support this settlement is because it brings an end to the ludicrous litigation against Microsoft. The governments, both state and federal, are legally pursuing Microsoft for one reason and one reason only, for the cash. It is ironic that they have wasted millions of dollars taking Microsoft to court, and do not have much to show in return. The economy is bad enough; we do not need our tax dollars going towards the prosecution of a company that has been so beneficial to the American economy. I hope that the ongoing technical oversight committee, which is a result of the settlement and will monitor Microsoft's compliance with that settlement, will satisfy the government and all other anti-Microsoft entities.

A settlement has been reached, we must now put this issue behind us and move on to more pressing issues. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carl Beck